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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

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GREAT BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

FROM ARRAS TO LENS.
A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF
PRISONERS.

LONDON, April 9.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—
We attacked, at 5.30 this morning,
on a wide front and penetrated the
enemy lines everywhere, from the
southward of Arras to the southward of
Lens, progressing satisfactorily at all
points.

We stormed the villages of Hermies
and Boursies in the direction of
Cambrai, and also penetrated Havrincourt wood.

We captured Fresnoy-le-Petit, in the
direction of St. Quentin, and advanced
our line to the south-east of Le Verquain.

We took a considerable number of
prisoners.

AN UNPRECEDENTED BOMBARDMENT.

THE THIRD GREAT BATTLE
FOR VIMY RIDGE.

LONDON, April 9.

Reuter's Correspondent at British
Headquarters in France states that
the offensive, mentioned in the ear-
lier communiqué, has extended to
Lens and St. Quentin. The steady
bombardment of the enemy's line,
which has been progressing for days,
intensified during last night.

Before the assault was delivered,
the bombardment reached the great-
est volume of fire yet seen in the
war. When the infantry attacked
rain fell heavily. It was quite dark,
but the rain blew in the faces of the
Germans, rather favouring us, while
that glare of the guns and the signal
lights afforded plenty of illumination.
The weather improved later, though
the wind was not favourable to aero-
plane work.

Shortly after 8 o'clock p.m., the
second phase of the attack developed
and the fighting intensified.

The correspondent surmises that
the attack was bigger, and took place
sooner than the enemy expected.

He recalls the fact that the
northern section of the ground over
which the troops are now battling
was the scene of the tremendous
French fighting during May 1915.
The notorious Vimy Ridge is one of
the commanding spurs of the system,
and the present is the third great
battle, since the end of 1914, for the
mastery of this great key to the
position.

BATTLE OF ARRAS RAGING UNABATEDLY.

SUBSTANTIAL BRITISH
PROGRESS.

LONDON, April 9.

Reuter's Correspondent at British
Headquarters telegraphing this evening
states that the battle of Arras is raging
unabatedly and is going in favour of
the British, who are making substantial
progress.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, April 9.

A French communiqué reports:—
In spite of bad weather the artillery
on both sides is very active in several
sectors.

Germans attacks to the north-west
and to the south of Rheims failed.

We advanced somewhat in the region
of Maisons de Champagne.

THE AERIAL WARFARE.

ALL RECORDS OF SPEED AND
SKILL, BROKEN.

LONDON, April 8.

Mr. Beach Thomas, the war corres-
pondent, describes the aeroplanes on
both sides on the Western Front as
possessing breathless speed and being
practically noiseless. All records of
speed and skill have been broken.
A British machine destroyed five enemy
aeroplanes in one flight. The art of
high diving has increased immeasurably.
Machines descend like a plummet from a
height of 16,000 feet to bomb a train, fire
on a balloon, or fusillade a body of
troops. Firing at small objects on the
ground, is practised daily, like target peg-
ging. So quickly do the divers come and
go that riflemen are often too astonished
to fire till the machine has disappeared.

The German authorities complain
bitterly of the failure of their infantry
to fire on such occasions.

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

AN ARMY FOR EUROPE.

WASHINGTON, April 8.

The war legislation will be submitted
to Congress during the present week.
It is increasingly apparent that the
Government contemplates sending an
army to Europe. Three million
grenades have been ordered and the
steel helmet is to be adopted.
The General Staff contemplates an
army of 2,000,000 being raised in two
years.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO KING- GEORGE.

LONDON, April 9.

President Wilson has replied to the
King's message as follows:—

"Your majesty's eloquent message at
a critical moment in our national life,
is a proof to the community of the
sentiment among the free peoples of the
world who are now striving to defend
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the rights of humanity. In the name
of the American people and of the
Government to which they look for
guidance, I thank you for your inspiring
words."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S THANKS TO PRESIDENT POINCARÉ.

PARIS, April 8.

President Wilson has replied to
President Poincaré thanking him for
his congratulations on the attitude of
the United States has been forced to adopt
in opposition to the pitiless German
imperialism.

GERMAN SHIPS IN CUBAN PORTS SEIZED.

HAVANA, April 8.

Three interned German ships at
Havana, two at Cienfuegos and one at
Santiago, have been seized and the
crews arrested.

GERMANS ARRESTED IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, April 8.

Twenty-four more Germans have been
arrested, including the former head of
the Sayville wireless station.

PANIC IN CHICAGO WHEAT PIT.

NEW YORK, April 8.

A panic in the Chicago wheat pit re-
sulted in prompt Government action to
safeguard the world's food supply. The
panic was due to the report of the
Department of Agriculture that severe
weather had reduced the winter crop by
50,000,000 bushels. Fortunately the
production of Rye is a record of
150,000,000 bushels. Farmers are
sowing maize on the damaged wheat
fields.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

APRIL 23RD, 1917.

IN accordance with the programme arranged by the Committee for the celebration of St. George's Day, MONDAY the 23rd instant a SEASIDE PEERLESS PERFORMANCE will be given at the Theatre Royal at 8.15 and 10.15. Applications for seat vouchers, WHICH CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY ENGLISHMEN, may be up to and including THURSDAY the 12th instant, be sent to the Hon. Sec. Mr. J. BENTLEY, Messrs. THOS. COOK & SON, stating the number of seats required for the applicant and his guests; and these vouchers, which are untransferable, will be exchangeable for numbered seat tickets at \$5.00 each ON PAYMENT TO MESSRS. MOUTRIE & CO., when the Office is open, on and after MONDAY the 16th instant.

In case applications exceed the accommodation of the Theatre, the vouchers issued will necessarily be for a smaller number of seats than are applied for. In the Dress Circle, a limited reservation has been made for Official Guests, and other seats have been sold by auction; the remainder of the Dress Circle, and the whole of the Stalls will be available.

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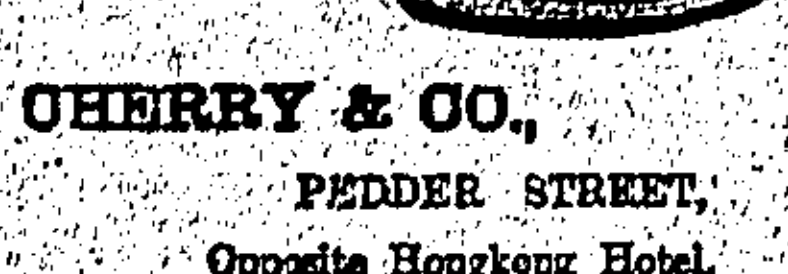
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F. LINDSAY WOODS,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 4, 1917. 1840

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NOTICE.

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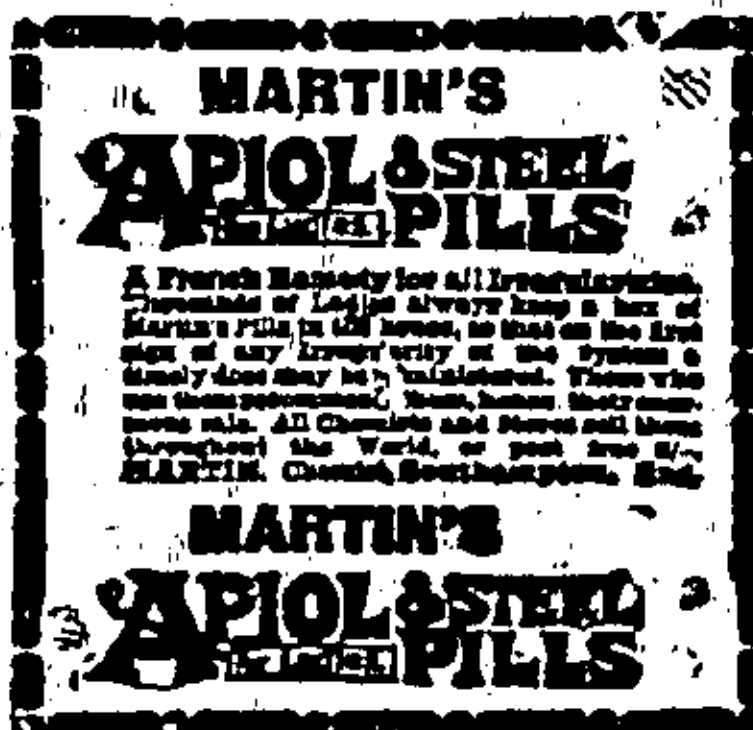
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THE GERMAN FLEET.

WILL IT COME OUT AGAIN?

[BY HECTOR C. BYWATER.]

"In 1917 faced to witness the greatest sea battle of all time, a battle which, like Trafalgar, will settle the question of naval pre-eminence for generations. Among naval officers, opinion is divided as to whether the High Sea Fleet will come out in force to accept a decisive engagement, or continue to lurk behind its shore defences and minefields, leaving the active prosecution of the war to submarines and aircraft.

Those who favour the latter theory argue that, after experiencing the devastating effect of British gunnery at Jutland, the Germans will have no stomach for another encounter with the Grand Fleet, especially as they know themselves to be outnumbered in heavy ships by something like two to one. Nevertheless, there are indications that momentous naval developments are approaching.

Information to hand from trustworthy quarters tells of incessant activity at the German bases. The capital ships of the High Sea Fleet are frequently seen at sea within the "water triangle," practising tactical evolutions and extended by a dense screen of light cruisers and destroyers while overhead, the ubiquitous Zeppelins scan the surface for promising prospects. During October and November, heavy and sustained gunfire audible in the western region of the Baltic denoted battle practice on an extensive scale. It will be remembered that similar activity was observed in the months that preceded the battle of Jutland.

DOUBTFUL NEWS FROM NEUTRALS.

Speculation as to the present strength of the High Sea Fleet is necessarily futile. From the beginning of the war, Germany's naval ports have been hermetically sealed, and extraordinary pains are taken to hide from the world the nature and extent of the work that is in progress at those places. At the same time, a great deal of dubious information has been circulated from German sources with regard to the ship-building policy adopted during the war.

In particular, the Scandinavian Press has frequently asserted, on the basis of "special information" from Germany, that practically no large warships have been laid down in the country since the outbreak, and that new construction is confined to light cruisers, torpedo craft, and submarines. Similar news often appears in the American, Dutch, and Swiss papers. Such unanimity is highly suspicious, pointing as it does to a common origin, which can only be German.

It is, in fact, precisely the sort of intelligence one would expect the enemy to disseminate if he were devoting his entire resources to the production of super-dreadnoughts. That submarines continue to be built in large numbers is known positively, but the output of such craft must be enormous indeed if it is monopolizing the attention of the German shipbuilding industry.

Another suspicious item of news which reaches us from many neutral quarters is to the effect that, although the building of great men-of-war has been practically suspended, the German yards are working at full blast on merchant vessels, large numbers of which have been laid down or launched in the last year or two. This, we are told, is in preparation for the struggle for mercantile supremacy which Germany believes will follow immediately after the war. It sounds far from convincing. With almost the whole of her existing mercantile fleet lying idle in home, or foreign ports, with new capital at a premium, and with the growing probability that the Allies will succeed in cutting off her sea-lanes, it is hardly likely that Germany will devote herself to the building of new merchant ships.

THE ONE CHANCE.

Even the most case-hardened German militarist now realizes that his country is bound to fail in the war unless she can achieve some measure of success in the naval arena. Since the blockade has become so in fact, we do not hear so much of the former boasts from Berlin about the land conquering the sea, of the triumph of Moltke over Mahan. Unless Germany has some stark mad scheme, she will be bending every effort to match

at least a semblance of victory at sea. One really effective blow in this element would do more to rehabilitate her cause than a succession of victories on the battlefields on the Continent.

As the pressure of the blockade becomes more and more intolerable, and the prospect of a really decisive military success in East or West grows ever fainter, Germany is bound to turn her eyes towards the Fleet, her last remaining card. The reward of a success at sea would be proportionate to the consequences of failure would add but little to her plight. By every law of logic she is constrained to strike with her utmost power at sea. When, where, or how this blow is to be delivered, can only be conjectured. But that it will be struck at no distant date is the conclusion to which one is driven after a careful study of all the evidence available. Fortunately, in the recent changes at the Admiralty the nation has a pledge that the control of our naval forces is in thoroughly capable hands, and that with calm and what may be the final attempt of the despairing enemy to escape his inevitable doom.

CUPID AND THE CAR.

GIRL ON THE FOOTBOARD AND HER MANY ADMIRERS.

He was a leather-jungled conductor, very brusque in his manner and business-like in his methods, and he rang his bell with an electric swiftness. The bus was full inside, and as the vehicle sped along towards the City his bourse voice reverberated throughout the interior so that while, ostensibly, he was confidingly talking to a man in the corner, he was, in fact, letting loose his own opinions for the entertainment of all the passengers. And this is what a News of the World correspondent heard: "You'd hardly believe it, but it really takes the biscuit, and I can't for the life of me understand 'ow men in this time of national crisis can make such fools of themselves. But, somehow it seems to me as if they've lost their heads since the girls took to the footboard. Dyer knows, it's nothing unusual now for men to 'ave a screw at the girls' badges, and then, sure enough, you find at the garages letters addressed to 'em like this:—'Conductress, Badge No. — and they don't stop at expressing their admiration for 'em, but even ask for appointments to meet 'em when they're off duty. And it don't end there, no fear. Why, some of these girls get all sorts of presents, generally boxes of chocolates, and some of 'em I've seen must 'ave cost 'arf a quid, or perhaps twelve and a tanner.' He paused to recover his breath a moment, and then he resumed, in the same strident tones: 'Of course, I ain't a-blaaming the girls; no fear, not me. If men like to be such mugs, well, good luck to the girls—that's my own honest opinion about 'em. It's these Colonial soldiers that seem to make the most fuss. Dyer knows, some 'em 'll let three or four buses go by in there 'appens to be a man behind, and they'll wait, goodness knows how long, to see a girl by the footboard. Dyer knows, some of the men even ask the girls for their names and addresses, so as they can see 'em afterwards. And the other day, in 'Canon-street, a man, in giving me a fare, says to me: 'If you were a girl, I'd squeeze your hand.' Rot, I call it. There's no understanding some people. Fares, please."

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Hongkong, April 10, 1917. 1859

THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

Entries close for Gymkhana on April 21st.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, April 12—
5.15 p.m.—H.K. Tennis League's Annual General Meeting.

FRIDAY, April 13—
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Dress Materials, Serge, Sheets, etc., etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. at "The Homestead", 43 The Park.

SATURDAY, April 14—
10 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. of the late Mr. A. H. Hewett at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
10.30 a.m.—Auction of one Motor and three Pianos at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
St. Joseph's College Sports at Race Course, Happy Valley.

SATURDAY, April 21—
Noon—Half-Yearly Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club.
Gymkhana Club's Meeting at Race Course, Happy Valley.

MONDAY, April 23—
St. George's Day.
Morning sale of Badges.
Afternoon, Fete and Call at Volunteer Headquarters.
9.15 p.m.—"Scenes from Shakespeare" at Theatre Royal.

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certainly not best served in China by granting a monopoly to Mr. BANDMANN for their exhibition. We find these questions being asked: "Can it be denied that a mere matter of money has kept these films away from the Capital of China and from the North of China, generally? Is the insistence shown by Mr. BANDMANN's Agent on getting his own terms dominated by a consideration for War Charities or for the concessionaire's pocket? We have seen no answers to those questions, but there can be no two opinions about the fact that an arrangement made by the War Office, which leaves it possible for such questions to be asked is a grave scandal, and in the best interests of the two objects which we conceive to be in view—viz: Propaganda and the benefitting of the War Charities—it is to be hoped that the petition which is about to be presented to His Majesty's Government, through the Legation at Peking, will result in an early reconsideration of the arrangement, or at least some public assurance that the two objects which we assume to be in view will be satisfactorily served.

The China Mail.

Hongkong, Tuesday, April 10, 1917.

THE BRITISH WAR FILMS IN CHINA.

It has been much advertised that Mr. MAURICE BANDMANN, the Theatrical Agent of Calcutta, has been granted a monopoly for the display of the British Official War Films in the Far East, and we observe that the arrangement is one which has evoked very strong protests. In the Straits Settlements we noticed recently that some doubt was cast on Mr. BANDMANN's claim, it being suggested that the rights to produce these films were bought in India, not from the Government, but from an ordinary film agent, in the ordinary way of business. It was also asked whether it was not a fact that throughout the Straits Settlement and Federated Malay States, where a film has been produced, that the cinema proprietors have only been allowed 25 per cent. of the gross takings to pay their rent, salaries and expenses, whilst 75 per cent. has been retained by Mr. BANDMANN's representatives: "or if not this amount, then what amount?" A further complaint was that the local agent was unable to state what particular charities were to be benefited, or to what extent. So far as the *bona fides* of Mr. BANDMANN's monopoly are concerned, the Governor of the Straits Settlements has announced that he is "perfectly satisfied that these films are being shown with the full approval of His Majesty's Government, the War Office having made the necessary arrangements with Mr. MAURICE BANDMANN for their exhibition in the Far East." All the same the arrangement, we think, deserves all the criticism which has been passed upon it. The Tientsin Branch of the Overseas Club, we notice, is organizing a public Petition to His Majesty's Government on the subject, in which it is suggested that the paramount consideration in displaying these films in China should be their value as a medium of British War Propaganda, and that it is of the utmost importance, from the national point of view, that these films should be shown far and wide among the Chinese, their display in Foreign-owned theatres, before European and American spectators, being a matter of secondary importance. The petitioners further say that they do not regard as satisfactory any arrangement that gives to one person a pecuniary interest in the display of the films, and they strongly urge His Majesty's Government to entrust the supervision of the display of the War Films to His Majesty's Diplomatic and Consular Officials in China. These views receive strong support in North China, and we have no doubt they will be generally endorsed in South China also. We can discover no statement as to the object of the War Office in making arrangements for the display of these films in the Far East, but we have very little doubt that the main object is propaganda, and that object is

THE MAGISTRACY.

THE RETURN OF A BANISHER.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a banisher, who only last February was banished for ten years, was charged with returning to the Colony before his time of banishment had expired.

The defendant said he had heard that his father had arrived in Hongkong and came to the Colony to see him.

Sergeant Wills, however, stated that the defendant's father was on a Blue Funnel steamer in England.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to six months' hard labour.

INDIAN SOLDIER DISCHARGED.

The case in which an Indian sepoy was charged with the theft of a roll of silk, valued at \$15, from a shop at No. 40 Nathan Road, Kowloon, was concluded before Mr. Wood this morning, the defendant being discharged.

A PORTUGUESE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Jose Luiz Marques of No. 30 Ma Tan Wai Tai Hang, was summoned before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for having assaulted a Chinese man in his employ. Mr. J. G. Gardiner, who appeared as solicitor for the defence, pleaded not guilty on behalf of his client.

Evidence was heard and His Worship discharged the defendant.

"SNATCHING A BANGLE."

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning a Chinese, charged with snatching a bangle from a small child, was sentenced to six months' hard labour, four hours' stocks in lieu of the last, day and ten strokes of the birch.

A POST OFFICE PROSECUTION.

A Chinese trader was fined \$100 by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for bringing 95 unstamped letters into the Colony from Macao.

AN ARMED ROBBERY.

A Chinese woman has reported to the Police that three men knocked on the door of her residence at No. 27 Western street yesterday and asked for admittance, stating that they had come to make a ladder for the clock left, which one of the party had rented two days previously. She opened the door for them, but after they had entered the house, she discovered that the men were armed with knives. They then seized her and also her two daughters, and after locking them in the cook house, stole money and jewelry to the total value of \$111.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY SHAKESPEARIAN PERFORMANCE.

FURTHER AUCTION OF SEATS.

A second auction of seats for the St. George's Day Shakespearian performance at the Theatre Royal was held at the Hongkong Hotel this morning. Mr. H. P. White again officiated as Auctioneer and the seats for sale consisted of the two top rows in the centre of the Dress Circle and also two boxes. Although there were only about half a dozen bidders present, the sale of 25 seats and two boxes realised the handsome sum of \$1,735. The two highest prices paid were by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak, who had two seats knocked down to him for \$350, and Mr. A. R. Lowe, who bid \$300 for three seats. The boxes went for \$50 and \$55.

WAR CHARITIES.

Our Little Bit Society, Kowloon, have today forwarded their usual fortnightly parcel of comforts for the soldiers, to the Matron, Hospital Auxiliaries, 113 Henfield, France, through the courtesy of Messrs. Shaw, Thomas & Co., consisting of the following:—

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CHINA AND THE WAR.

LIKELIHOOD OF CHINA'S ENTRY.

A Peking telegram to our Chinese contemporary, the *Wai Tai Po*, states that in view of the possibility of China entering the war, the paper currency dropped several points; but notwithstanding the opposition there is every indication that China will enter the war.

A joint Conference of the Committees of both Houses is called for to-day to discuss the diplomatic situation.

FIRE ON N.Y.K. "RANGOON MARU."

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha informs us that the N.Y.K. s.s. *Rangoon Maru* was on fire from Friday night, 6th inst., to Saturday, 7th inst. Holds Nos. 3 and 4, which contained 11,149 bales Cotton, 373 bales Yarn and 272 packages Sundries, were flooded, and of these goods it was ascertained that 300 bales Cotton were damaged by fire, the rest by water. The matter will form a subject for General Average contribution.

THE SINGAPORE HARBOUR BOARD.

REPORT FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31.

The Singapore Harbour Board's report for the half-year ending December 31, 1916, has been issued and shows that the credit balance of income and expenditure account for the half-year under review is \$1,298,290.58. Of this sum, the interest paid or due to Government, on Loan Funds, under Ordinance No. IV of 1907, is \$1,026,353.73 and the credit balance \$271,936.85 is carried forward. The amount carried forward to the credit of next half-year's account is \$659,357.71, being \$271,934.85 from the half-year under review, and \$387,422.86, the balance at June 30, 1916.

HEARING CASES IN CAMERA.

ADMIRALTY'S DEMAND TO LOSSES COMMISSION.

Some strong comments upon the action of the Admiralty were made by Sir James Woodhouse, chairman of the Defence of the Realm Losses Commission, on February 3rd, in declining to consider in camera a claim made against the Admiralty in respect of a vessel chartered by that department.

The Solicitor-General (Sir Gordon Hewart, K.C.) represented the Admiralty, and Mr. Watson, K.C., the applicants. Before the case was opened Sir James explained that the Commission had opened their proceedings to the public and the Press, since they moved into their new quarters, in the public interest, and were satisfied that good results had come from their decision to do so. They were quite alive to the fact that occasionally a case may come before them which it was desirable to hear in private.

ADMIRALTY LETTER. "But the Commission," he continued, "have received from the officers of the Admiralty a communication, couched in language which they much resent, demanding an assurance beforehand that the case shall be heard in camera." The Commission had replied that the Solicitor-General might make an application that the case should be heard wholly or partly in private, and they had received a letter from the Admiralty stating that they did not know with what authority the Commission had been given to understand that the Solicitor-General intended to make such an application. The letter went on: "Their lordships have given no such instructions to the Solicitor-General, who is to represent them at the hearing."

"We desire, to say," continued the chairman, "with some warmth, that we will not tolerate communications of the kind made either from officials of the Admiralty or any other department. The Commission sit here under the King's Commission to do our duty in accordance with instructions."

Sir James added that they would listen to any application made in the public interest and in a proper way.

Sir G. HEWART'S SURPRISE. "The Solicitor-General replied that he was not only surprised, but grieved, to hear what the chairman had said. He can only imagine," said Sir Gordon Hewart, "that there has been some great misapprehension. At the moment I do not feel inclined to say more."

Having consulted with other officials appearing with him, the Solicitor-General said he would now like to ask that, for reasons he could not disclose, the proceedings should be heard in camera. Sir James replied that, looking at the particulars of the claim, the sole issue appeared to be the value of a vessel. "That being so, we see no reason why the case should be heard in camera. The name of the vessel need not be mentioned or the purpose for which it was requisitioned. If anything of a private nature arose during the hearing they would have the room cleared."

The case then proceeded, counsel refraining from mentioning the name of the vessel or the purpose for which it was requisitioned. The Solicitor-General elicited the information that it was a pleasure-boat with practically no cargo capacity, and that holiday-makers at present preferred to stay on land. The case was adjourned to February 20th to secure the evidence of expert valuers.

SPORT.

TENNIS.

PICTURES FOR THIS EVENING.

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.
Mr. A. H. Ramjohn v. Rev. C. L. Coiper Hunt.

MIXED DOUBLES.
Mrs. H. Hancock and Mr. J. L. Hancock (over 30) v. Mr. and Mrs. Bevington (over 15).

MRS.'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.
Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse and Mr. J. W. Franks (over 15) v. Mr. S. R. Dowdell and Mr. H. A. Nisbet (over 15).

NO DELAY IN CLOSING ENEMY BANKS.

VINDICATION OF SIR WILLIAM FLENDER.

BANKERS' REPORT EXPLAINING THE DIFFICULTIES.

In a report on the progress made in the liquidation of enemy banks Mr. Walter Leaf and Mr. R. V. Vassar Smith state:—From our experience as practical bankers not only has due diligence been used in the realization and distribution of assets and liabilities, but the present position of operations shows that they have been conducted with an ability and expedition reflecting the highest credit on Sir William Flender and the supervisors who have acted under him.

The report concerns the Deutsche Bank, Oesterreichische Bank, and the Anglo-Austrian Bank. The main obstacle to a more rapid liquidation had been the decision of the French and Russian Governments to regard the London establishments as hostile creditors and to refuse permission to remit to them any assets in their respective countries. All the banks at the outbreak of war had large assets both in Russia and in France, more particularly the former. The whole of these were "frozen up," and could not be realised till after the war.

PAYMENTS WITHHELD. The case of debtors in neutral countries presented many difficulties and at the moment insoluble problems. All the banks had considerable interests in Rumania, and at the outbreak of war exchange on London became impossible except at a very heavy loss. Rumanian debtors refused to pay except in local currency, thus trying to throw the loss on the banks.

Large amounts were also owing from German firms in South America and other neutral countries. To applications for payment these firms generally replied that their accounts were with the head office of the bank in Berlin or Vienna, and that they had settled or meant to settle with them. These claims, as in the case of those in Rumania, could only be decided by proceedings in local courts, and it was quite possible that these Courts would hold that the London establishment was to be treated only as a part of the bank, and that settlement with the head office was a discharge of the debt.

Some German firms abroad had been forbidden by their Government to remit, and had accordingly paid their debts into joint bank accounts to be held till the end of the war.

With reference to Sir William Flender's proposal that he should be discharged from his office, the report adds: "We fully appreciate Sir William's desire to be relieved of a task which has proved to be both laborious and irksome. But we do not consider that it would be in the public interest that his proposal should be accepted."

LITTLE ONES FROM LILLE.

The following message from Rosendael is published in London papers of February 15th:—

"Two hundred and fifty children, ranging in age from 6 to 14, arrived here to-day from Lille and Arras, to be cared for until the end of the war. They tell terrible stories of the dearth of food and of German brutality in the occupied region."

The children were three days on the journey in unheated and unlighted trains. Many were ill, and all were visibly underfed.

German rule in Lille is extremely severe, the least offence being visited with a month's imprisonment. The Germans, it is stated by the party, seem very discouraged, while the French, on the other hand, appear confident of ultimate victory.

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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Malayan Sugars	70 1/2 buyers
H. & K. Wharves	31 buyers
Hongkong Docks	81 buyers
Central Estates	12 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Land	96 buyers
Cement	97 buyers
Langkate	18 1/2 buyers

WAR NEWS ITEMS.

Von Moltke Warned the Kaiser.

Writing in the "Zukunft," Herr Maximilian Harden recalls a statement made in 1890 by Field-Marshal von Moltke in the Reichstag:—

"If the war which for more than ten years has been suspended over our heads like the sword of Damocles were now to break out, nobody could foresee the end of it."

All the European military Powers would take part in it. None of them could be completely beaten. Such a war might last seven or thirty years. Who was to be the Power which sets Europe on fire?

Prussian Socialists Urge Peace to Avoid Starvation.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" states that a recent sitting of the Prussian Parliament was most agitated. Herr Hoffmann, the Socialist representative, took the defence of Dr. Liebknecht and charged the Berlin police with intolerable exaggerations.

"The people," he said, "are suffering terribly from cold and hunger. Peace could be obtained now, but the Government is unwilling to state a war aim." Herr Hoffmann added that the promise of electoral reform is a lure.

The Next Six Months.

Speaking at Bolton (Lancashire) recently, Lord Derby said that England had need of men; and must have them to ensure victory. "I believe," he added, "that the next six months will see the critical period of the war, but I am confident that they will be six months of success."

A Duke Ashamed of His Host.

When the Kaiser's brother, Prince Henry of Prussia, visited England four or five years ago on the cross-country automobile tour organized by the Germans for spying purposes, the prince visited the world-famous mansion of an English duke.

The prince inscribed his autograph, as usual on such occasions, in the duke's book of visitors. According to the "Weekly Dispatch," there now appears across the prince's autograph the following sentiment, inscribed in red ink by the duke:—

"I am ashamed before God that this man ever disgraced my house with his presence."

Serum Against Gas Gangrene.

M. Weinberg and M. Seguin, of the Pasteur Institute, yesterday informed the French Academy of Sciences, through Professor Laveran, that they have prepared an active horse serum against the bacillus edematis, which is believed to be the most marked pathogenic microbe in gas gangrene. The new serum has an anti-toxic and preventive power which approaches the medium value of the anti-diphtheria serum.

Higher Pay for French Army of the Orient.

We read a daily indemnity against the high cost of living in the Orient has just been granted to officers and men by the French Minister of War. The increase in the case of officers ranges from 5fr. 50c. to 6fr. and for the men from 15c. to 1fr. 75c.

What officers and men of the British Army in the Far East would like to have is a monthly indemnity against the high exchange.

The German Press.

The secretary of the society of German editors has published the following statistics of German papers since the war:—From August, 1914, to the middle of May, 1916, 221 daily papers have ceased to appear. Towards October, 23 others ceased publication. Since the beginning of the war to the middle of May, 287 journals temporarily suspended publication; and 29 others did likewise towards October. The cause is due chiefly to the price of paper which has increased 100 per cent.; coloured inks now cost from 80 per cent. to 100 per cent. more; and the price of oil has advanced from 200 per cent. to 800 per cent.

CHILDREN'S WAR IDEAS.

"MINDING THE BABY" AN AID TO VICTORY.

Children's ideas on how to help win the war were quoted by Dr. W. Q. Kimmins, chief education inspector under the L.O.C., in an address to the Child Study Society.

He has examined 1,340 papers written by boys and girls about 11 years old. The War Loan, which one boy said "broke out in 1915," did not seem to appeal to the girls as the most practical method of helping the war. One girl wrote: "If a bomb fell on the Bank of England all our savings would be sent to ashes." It was a girl also who declared that "the child who finds the baby helps to end the war."

Other ideas were:—

Every 5c. lent to the Government Mills.

A German.

The Germans would be frightened if we saved our picture gallery money.

If you want to go to a place of amusement go to a Red Cross concert.

A boy should fight for pleasure, and so reduce household expenses.

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SWATOW & BANGKOK	KANCHOW	April 12, Daylight
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KOBE & MOJI	YATSHING	TUESDAY, April 10, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	WINGSANG	THURSDAY, April 12, Daylight
HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	THURSDAY, April 12, at 7 a.m.
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MOJI, KOBE, NAGOYA and YOKOHAMA	YOKOHAMA MARU, Capt. Terada, Tons 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 9th May at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SAKI MARU, Capt. Yoshikawa, Tons 12,500	FRIDAY, 12th April at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU, Capt. Komatsubara, Tons 12,500	THURSDAY, 12th April at 11 a.m.
	JINSEI MARU, Capt. Takahashi, Tons 8,000	FRIDAY, 13th April
	SEIKO MARU, Capt. Kon, Tons 21,000	MONDAY, 20th April at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	RANGOON MARU, Capt. Kobayashi, Tons 8,000	THURSDAY, 19th April

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£33,970,387

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during the years 1887-95.

The zero of the table corresponds with

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Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet

3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the

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add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge

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4 inches to the height given in the table.

April 11th to 17th, 1917.

High Water

Low Water

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